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Appellant: Toshihiko MUNETSUGU et al. Group Art Unit: 2176
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METHOD

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Answer dated June 25, 2007, Appellants submit the present Reply Brief within the two-month response period expiring on August 27, 2007 (August 25, 2007 being a Saturday).

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REMARKS

On February 27, 2007, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, asserting that the Appeal Brief Appellants filed on February 23, 2006 failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. 41.37. On February 27, 2007, Appellants filed an Amended Appeal Brief to address the issues noted in the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief. In response to the Amended Appeal Brief, the Examiner issued a Examiner's Answer on June 25, 2007.

Appellants note that the Examiner's Answer which issued on June 25, 2007 is substantially identical to the Examiner's Answer which issued on May 16, 2007, in response to the first Appeal Brief Appellants filed on February 23, 2006. Therefore, in response to the Examiner's Answer of June 25, 2007, Appellants hereby repeat and incorporate by reference the comments and arguments Appellants submitted in the previous Reply Brief, filed on June 17, 2006 in response to the Examiner's Answer of May 16, 2007.

Should the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences or the Examiner have any questions, they are respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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